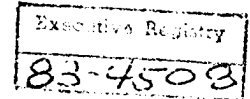


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Honorable John McMahon
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Dear John:

I want to thank you and all the members of your staff who spent so much time with me preparing for my trip to the Soviet Union.

While I had no opportunity to talk directly to Chairman Andropov about my concerns regarding Soviet compliance with existing arms control agreements, I did give him a written statement in which I tried to make clear the fundamental importance of this issue to the prospects for Senate approval of any future arms treaty. A copy of my statement is enclosed for your information. I also followed up in more detail in meetings with other Soviet officials, including Georgi Arbatov.


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Unfortunately, I am not confident that the Soviet leadership even yet understands the political realities in the U.S. concerning their persistently questionable behavior regarding arms control agreements.

I understand that the SCC is meeting in Geneva this month, and I look forward to a full debrief on the results from your staff and other appropriate Executive Branch officials.

Thank you again for all your help. I deeply appreciate it.

Sincerely,


PATRICK LEAHY
United States Senator

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Enclosure

